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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

Bleicken finalist for Armstrong position

By Abbey Lennon
Guest writer

Linda Bleicken, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, has been named as a finalist in the search for Armstrong Atlantic State University's (AASU) position for President. "Current president, Thomas Z. Jones, will retire

in June 2009 after nine years," said the AASU Web site.

Shortly after the announcement of Jones' retirement, the Board of Regents was called to action to fill the soon to be vacant position.

According to the AASU Web site, "The Board of Regents commissioned the Presidential Search Committee on

November 13, 2008, to conduct a comprehensive search to identify and attract top candidates," said the Web site.

To assist in the interviewing process to fill the Presidency, the Parker Executive Search Firm has been brought on to aid in the search. According to their Web site, www.parkerexecutivesearch.com, Parker Executive Search helps at-

tract credible people who qualify for the position within the university system.

"Parker Executive Search is a retained search firm that conducts executive searches globally for corporations, colleges and universities, and collegiate athletics," said the Web site.

Although Bleicken has been nominated, there is competition from the

second finalist under consideration. In a press release from the University System of Georgia, William J. Lowe, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, and professor of history at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., will compete with Bleicken for the position at AASU.

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Rob Eakins/staff

Higher learning for Freedom

Students help trainer Steve Hein prepare Freedom the eagle for his flight at commencement.

By being on the field, the students are helping Georgia Southern's famous bird acclimate to flying amongst a new large crowd.

For the complete story, see page 14.

New Wetlands Preserve opens doors Saturday

By Ben Carroll
Staff writer

Georgia Southern's Wildlife Center will celebrate its expansion to 17 acres Saturday from 3 until 7 p.m. with the opening of the Wetland Preserve.

"Saturday will mark the culmination of nine years of work to get this exciting opening," said Steve Hein, director of the Wildlife Center, "Though we are landlocked due to human landscape, the expansion has led to an unprecedented commitment to the 17-acre preserve on a college campus." This preserve was converted from a ropes course, which has now been moved to the woods near the RAC, and will join the pre-existing Wildlife Center.

"The purpose of this wetland preserve is strictly an educational purpose. It focuses on water ecology," said Hein, "We know locally, statewide, and globally that water is a precious resource and we need to be committed to the education of some of the basic principles of water."

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THRU OUR LENS

See what you may have missed at Wednesday's Earth Day celebration.

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Three-Day Forecast



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Deborah Inskip/staff

Winners of the Green Design poster contest were announced Wednesday in the Russell Union Commons during the Earth Day celebration. Pictured (l-r): Edward Rushton, graphic design teacher; Jason Ansley, second place winner; Hans Mortensen, associate professor in the Arts department; Amy Oliver, first place winner; Savannah Roupe, third place winner; Ryan Honeyman, GSU Marketing and Communications Department creative director; Monique Dipple, Environmental Sustainability coordinator.

Amy Oliver wins Earth Day poster contest

By Abbey Lennon

Guest Writer

Georgia Southern University celebrated Earth Day in the Russell Union Rotunda on Wednesday, April 22. In addition to the festivities and awareness booths, the winners for the Green Design Collection poster contest were announced.

In the Russell Union Commons, Ryan Honeyman, Georgia Southern University's Creative Director in the Marketing and Communications Department, presented the winners with their cash prizes.

In first place, Amy Oliver, in second place, Jason Ansley, and in third place, Savannah Roupe. Winners were part of a graphic design class, led by Professor Edward Rushton, Associate Professor of Graphic Design.

The poster contest is part of a larger project to create better sustainability with recycling on the Georgia Southern campus.

Monique Dipple, Environmental Sustainability coordinator, teamed up with Patricia Carter, Department Chair, interim gallery director, and professor of the art department, to put together a project for the students to get involved with on

campus.

"This project was created to have students think about recycling and sustainability," said Dipple.

A similar project about the importance of voting was also used to create awareness.

The goal for the Green Design Collection, Dipple said, has to do with getting the students attention.

"The goal is to get about 200 posters, designed by students, and display them over the recycling trash cans," said Dipple, "the cans are not very attractive, but the posters are excellent quality, and the students really thought outside of the box, so maybe this will help bring attention to them so students will use them more," she said.

The winner of the poster contest, junior graphic design major Amy Oliver, says she drew her inspiration for her poster from old horror movies.

"I took a couple elements from that and designed a trash monster," Oliver said.

Oliver expressed the desire to keep working on the poster and was hopeful it may open more doors in the future.

"I might do some work on it some more, because an artist's work is never done, but I could definitely enter it somewhere," Oliver said.

POLICE BEAT

Monday, April 20, 2009

Officers issued one traffic warning, assisted four motorists, responded to one alarm, assisted another agency and investigated two accidents.

A drill was taken from Southern Pines.

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Officers issued four traffic citations, seven traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, assisted another agency, responded to a small grass fire near the Biology Building and investigated one accident.

A flash drive was taken from the Henderson Library.

A book bag was taken from the Henderson Library.

A Southern Pines resident reported a case of financial transaction card fraud.

Laurann Ellen Osborne, 18, Lanier Drive, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of a false I.D.

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Where do we draw the line?

Citizens of this great country are granted many rights and freedoms. The most treasured of all these rights, and often the most misunderstood and misused, involve the rights guaranteed to us in the First Amendment.

Recent events at the George-Anne, however, have brought the campus community and members of our newsroom to ask one big question. Where do you draw the line in regards to freedom of speech?

The discussion centered around an ad that is running from a man wanting to question the existence of the Holocaust.

The ad was allowed, and is defended, because the man has the right to his freedom of speech. Yet, letters and e-mails have poured in with statistics and tearful family narratives of students who were torn apart by the existence of such an ad.

As students of a free press and people who look through the lens of objectivity, we argued that the ad must run as it was aligned with freedom of speech.

But as students who have learned of the Holocaust in class and students with families who have lost generations in the death camps that resided in Germany we felt sickened by the man's condescending rhetoric. Before these stories, the line between protected and unprotected speech was obvious.

As discussions continued, however, that line, which was bold and apparent at first, soon became blurred around this simple, quarter page ad.

It goes to show just how volatile the issue of free-speech really is. So much so that it was capable of dividing an office of friends within days. Free speech in itself isn't the issue. It's

when free speech hurts innocent people without cause that the issue of speaking freely is tested to its limits. How much damage must be done before the speech is no longer protected?

Not surprisingly, the issue has come up before with college newspapers across the country -- with the same ad -- and there is no definitive decision that was made across the board.

Some newspapers such as the Daily Pennsylvanian at Penn State ran the ad as we did citing the man's freedom of speech as being paramount despite the angering nature of the ad. As with our paper, the Penn State editor said that the ad did not violate any policies in place for their publication.

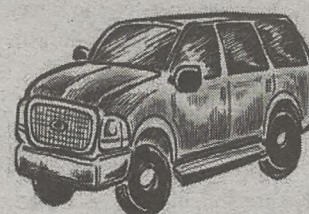
Other editorial boards at other publications objected, however, saying the ad was a line too far and merely meant to provoke anger. These editors feared that the advertisement would be seen as their opinion regardless of where or how it was printed.

It is at times like these that our sense of human decency clashes with our responsibility to protect the First Amendment -- the same one that allows us to write this editorial and our readers to respond unhindered. The same amendment that spawned today's First Amendment Free Food Festival which will hopefully draw attention to rights we take for granted.

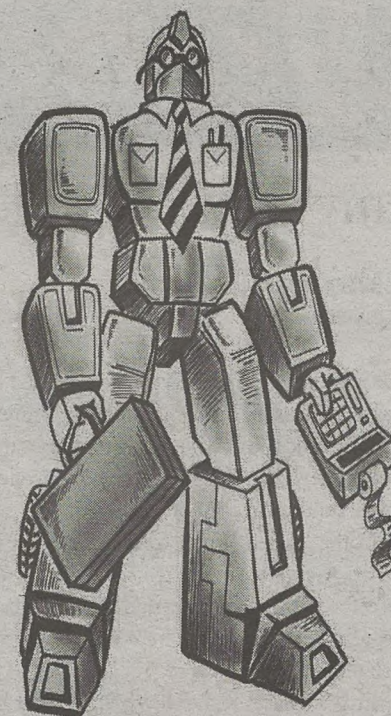
As the student newspaper of GSU, we want the student body to be aware that we are open to their opinions on this and many issues.

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Ally takes on the RAC: Week seven brings Ultimate Lower



Ally Rakoczy
is a junior marketing major from Decatur, Ga. She is a guest columnist for the George-Anne.

When I walked into Ultimate Lower and began setting up my equipment a familiar voice greeted me.

It sounded different than other instructors' voices. It sounded like sweat, pain, and suicides.

Ring a bell? If you've been keeping up with my column, it just might. I'm referring to my buddy from

cardio sculpt, Lindsay.

You know, the one who tried to kill me with the running and the jumping and the sprinting and the butt kicking? Yeah, that one.

Right when I realized who my instruc-

tor was, I knew I was in for quite a workout, Lindsay's specialty. I braced myself for pain. I was ready.

First came lunges with weights.

Still, I'm thinking, hey, not so bad, I can handle this. Right when those thoughts crossed my mind, I regretted them. The workout got hard—fast.

As Lindsay yelled out, "sexy legs!" every few minutes to motivate us, we proceeded to lock our hips and swing one leg back and forth over the bouncy ball.

At 5'0 my legs are short to begin with, so I'm sure you can imagine the slight struggle I was having trying to get each leg over the ball as the burn went deeper into my butt and hamstrings.

Then she brought on the pain.

Lying sideways on the mat, hips square, and a five pound dumbbell resting on my outer thigh,

I started the deceptively easy exercise.

Leg up, leg down, leg up, leg—OW. I think the entire class started groaning in pain about the same time.

With every pulse up and down, I felt the burn spread through my leg. Once we repeated the exercise on the opposite leg, the quiet swearing began.

But after using the gliding discs (which are my new least favorite instrument of pain) to do mountain climbers and leg sliding exercises and moving on to the resistance band to do a little ab work, I was thanking my lucky stars that the class was coming to a close.

So to my dearest Lindsay, ass-kicker and fitness instructor extraordinaire, I'm hoping that my legs will indeed be sexy legs by summer's arrival.

Until then, thanks for kicking my butt into shape.

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Or visit the staff in the newsroom [Williams Center room 2023].

OPINIONS cont...

Hey single ladies: Find your mate on the links



Michelle Vegliante is a sophomore public relations major from Marietta, Ga. She is a guest columnist for the George-Anne.

Attention all single ladies at GSU: I have unlocked the secret as to where all the eligible bachelors on campus can be found.

This may seem surprising and even a bit unbelievable, but apparently the single-hot guy hangout seems to be Hackers miniature golf on Thursday nights.

Yes, you heard me correctly, Hackers mini golf.

I have spent the last two Thursday nights putt-putting at Hackers because of the discounts they have been offering to GSU students.

Two weeks ago Eagle Entertainment sponsored free mini golf and last Thursday CRI sponsored one dollar mini golf.

And I must say I was shocked by the amount of guys who took advantage of those discounts and came out to play.

Last Thursday I counted five groups of mini-golfing men in the one hour I was there.

That's about twenty-five guys in all that I spotted all in one place.

While I was making this observation, I thought to myself, "Where are all the ladies?"

My guess was either studying for Friday classes or starting their weekend early at the bars.

Either way, you all should have been at Hackers playing mini golf with all those boys!

So ladies, now you know the secret. Remember that if you want to meet that special someone, the best place to be is at Hackers for free or dollar mini golf.

So keep your eyes peeled for those discounted nights and you might just meet your soulmate at a par 3.

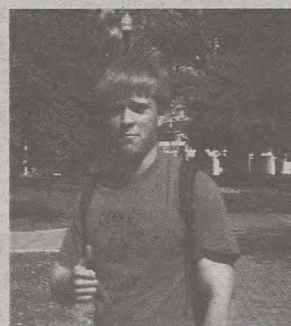
Don't forget to check out Student Media's First Amendment Free Food Festival at the Student Media plaza behind the Williams Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. today!



Man on the street



What do your First Amendment rights mean to you?



John Berlette
Freshman engineering major

"Being able to express yourself without being censoring any way."



Ryan Brems
Freshman pre-nursing major

"They mean I can say what I want and no one can tell me to shut up."



Brittany Evros
Freshman early childhood education major

"I'm just glad we have them, especially, freedom of religion, that one is important to me."



Kevin Maloney
Freshman political science major

"They're like everything I guess. It gives me voice and protects me."



WEEKLY BUZZ

Today

First Amendment Free Food Festival 11-1 p.m. Student Media Plaza

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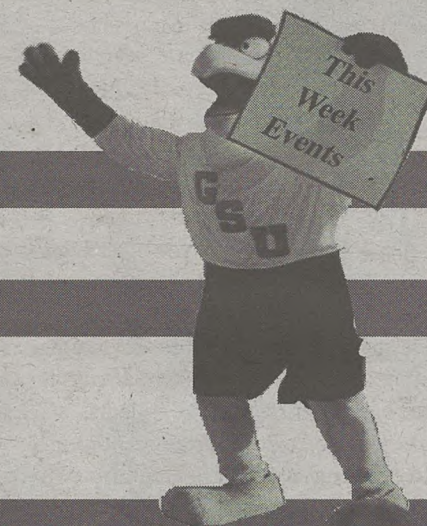
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Alternative May Break Trip 2009 is coming!! This trip, sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, will be to Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, FL from May 10-15th. The cost is \$75, which includes lodging, transportation, and most of the food. Participants will be helping to run the Give Kids the World Resort, which grants the wish of terminally ill children who want to go to Disney World. The work may be: driving trains, running carousels, coordinating carriage rides, helping in the dining hall, playing in the castle, and some maintenance work at the resort.

Applications for the trip will be available April 6th in the Office of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement (RU 2022) and will be due on Friday, April 17th. Any questions can be directed to Candace at ch01505-gw@georgiasouthern.edu or by calling 478-1435.

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Hendricks Hall undergoes facelift beginning Spring 2009

By Ally Rakoczy

Staff writer

Georgia Southern's Physical Plant recently made the announcement that Hendricks Hall, an over 40,000 square foot dormitory, will be undergoing significant renovations this semester that are scheduled to be completed in July of 2010.

Mike Dipple, associate director of the Facilities Planning, Designing, and Construction department within Physical Plant, indicated the project is on track.

"We're doing the abatement work right now, and the demolition will probably start in about a week," he said.

Though there may be some inconveniences that arise due to the construction, parking at the building should be minimally affected.

"[For] the people that are currently parking there, about half their spaces have been taken up by the construction fence. They can park in the parking lot behind Veazey or the lot for the Center for Performing Arts," said Dipple.

As for parking plans in the future, Dipple said they are still undecided.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

Renovations on Hendricks Hall are expected to be complete by next summer.

"There are three different design selections, and we haven't decided that yet. It will be another month or so until the parking lots are settled."

Physically, the entire building is getting revamped from the inside out.

Homayun, campus architect, is in charge of representing the university's architectural interests.

"We want to give it a look of a modern public building," said Homayun.

"Everything inside will be brand new and the Forest Drive side of the building will get a new façade and entry. It's being configured for the College of Public Health," said Dipple.

Within the new space, there will be everything from faculty offices to conference rooms to new research labs.

According to Homayun, the building was really lacking good design and composition, so the team

of architects is going to make the original backside of the building the "front door image" that will greet visitors on Sweetheart Circle.

"There are going to be a lot of new visitors coming to the campus that will see [Hendricks Hall]. We want this building to look like a university building as well as a public building," said Homayun.

A firm from Savannah, Cogdell and Mandrella, Ga. is heading up the project. In addition to revamping the Forest Drive entrance of the building, they will be adding an elevator to make the building more handicap accessible.

Aside from the interior renovations, the reason to update the outside of the building on the Forest Drive side stems from both form and function.

"Veazey and Hendricks are like twin buildings. The difference was that the front of the Hendricks building is on the backside [facing away from Forest Drive], and the side that was facing Forest Drive was really designed to be the back door," said Homayun.

"We're going to try and expose the concrete in the structure and take a lot of things out of the building to expose the original structure of the building," said Homayun.

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Delta Chi sponsors Red and Buff Cup

By Ben Carroll
Staff writer

This weekend, the Delta Chi fraternity will host their annual Red and Buff Cup event, which will be a kickball tournament to raise money for the Jimmy V foundation and Jeffrey's Voice.

Each fraternity and sorority is competing in the tournament. The games will start on Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. with two games each hour, according to Christian Craig, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity and organizer of the Red and Buff Cup.

"Along with the tournament, spectators will be able to watch for free while eating hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. T-shirts will also be on sale," said Craig.

On Sunday, the two championship games will take place from 12-2 p.m. along with the award ceremony after.

"We will be giving out trophies to the first, second, and third place winners from the two brackets, the Panhellenic Council bracket and Interfraternity Council bracket," said Craig. "Gift certificates from local businesses will also be given out."

The purpose of this event is to raise money for the Jimmy V foundation and Jeffrey's Voice in memory of Delta Chi's two brothers, Brian and Jeffrey Horne, who passed away last semester, according to Craig.

According to their story on Jeffrey's Voice homepage, Jeffrey was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia on March 5, 2007. Brian, who suffered from a heart arrhythmia, volunteered immediately to be a donor of bone marrow and stem cells to his brother. Brian's condition made it questionable to whether he would be able to donate his cells, but he did it anyway. Jeffrey's leukemia returned five



Special Photo

months after the transplant and Brian to volunteer again.

According to the Jeffrey's Voice homepage, Jeffrey continued to enter clinical drug trials for cures for his leukemia. "This next treatment is another experimental one and probably of no use to me, but I don't mind being a lab rat if it will help other leukemia patients," a quote from Jeffrey's journal, according to the Jeffrey's Voice homepage.

On January 30, 2008, Jeffrey passed away at the age of 20 to his leukemia. After his death, Brian joined the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, but just 17 weeks after his brother's death, Brian passed away at the age of 19, from heart complications.

If you have any questions about the event, you can contact Christian Craig at 404-510-5841 or email him at ccraig1@georgiasouthern.edu.

GSU students raise funds for Relay for Life

By Cameron Powell
Guest writer

The American Cancer Society sponsored their annual Relay for Life in Bulloch County on April 17, 2009 at Kiwanis Fairgrounds.

"This is our 25th year nationally, and 16th year here in Bulloch County," said Robin J. Peeples, Community Manager of the South Atlantic division of the American Community Society.

"We want to recognize that by staying up all night and walking in honor of them," said Peeples. "People purchase luminaries in memory or in honor of people that they know that have survived cancer and those that lost their battle. It's a very emotional and moving part of the relay when all the bags are lit and the lights are off."

"We start the relay with the Survivor lap, and we are so thankful to have the lap grow year after year, which goes to show that what we are doing on the relay night really is saving lives," said Peeples.

This year, the Relay for Life of Bulloch County was supported by 109 teams, with a total of 1,700 participants. Georgia Southern was represented by

23 different teams. In all, the common goal was seen as fighting cancer for those who can't.

"We chose to participate this year to come together as a Greek community to show our support for The American Cancer Society and also to show the community that we, as Greeks, want to participate and support community service in Bulloch County," said Lauren Matthews, team captain for the GSU Greek Life team.

"I was so proud of the amazing turnout we had. We had so many different sorority women and fraternity men at our tent, and it was great that we could all come together to support each other and our community," said Matthews. "Overall, it was a great event and we all hope to attend in the coming years."

Although the main purpose of the relay is to fund cancer research, many utilize the 12-hour event to remember loved ones whom have been lost to cancer.

"For me, participation in Relay for Life meant that I was walking for my grandmother and my great aunt, both of which I lost to breast cancer," said Morgan.



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Approximately 109 teams participated in Relay for Life at Kiwanis Ogeechee fairgrounds Friday night.



THE TIE EXCHANGE

Come join the Collegiate 100 for The "Tie Exchange" is an event that will be held at the Gene Bishop Field house located in the Erk Russell Athletic Park. Students will be able to begin developing their networking skills my meetings professionals in their field of study see some of the latest fashions in the business world. We will have local retailers from the Statesboro and Savannah areas. Both men and women's attire will be exhibited. This is a great opportunity for students to prepare for their careers by getting internships. As a part of the event guests will be able to find out more about the Collegiate 100 and the 100 Black Men of Savannah

Date: April 30, 2009 • Time: 6:00-7:30 • Location: Gene Bishop Fieldhouse

Student wins \$100,000 Dr. Pepper scholarship

By Ally Rakoczy
Staff writer

Erica Davis, interior design major, recently won a \$100,000 scholarship through a Dr. Pepper football throwing competition at the SEC Championship held in Atlanta this past December.

"Back in September my dad noticed that on each Dr. Pepper bottle he bought there was something that said '1 in 6 wins'. He brought that to my attention after saving several bottle caps and told me to go online to see what kind of things I could win," said Davis.

According to Davis, after she collected about ten bottle caps, she entered them into the website, until one day she saw an icon on the site that said 'click here for a chance to win a \$100,000 Dr. Pepper Scholarship'. The award was called the "Get More from Game Day Scholarship."

"I'll admit that when I entered this contest I said to myself, 'It's worth giving a shot', although I don't think anything like me winning this would happen," said Davis. "I thought, I'm not losing anything for trying."

Though she first entered the contest in September, it wasn't until early November that she found out that she was one of the six contestants selected to compete for the scholarship.

"At that time I also found out that Dr. Pepper was giving out three \$100,000 scholarships—one at the SEC Championship game, one at the ACC Championship game, and one at the Big XII," Davis said.

To compete for the scholarship Davis went down to the field during the halftime show where there were two giant Dr. Pepper replicas. She and another contestant stood at the five-yard line and were told they had thirty seconds to throw ten footballs into the giant cans.

Winning by a slim margin of 6 to 5, Davis is now the proud recipient of the \$100,000 college scholarship, though she does admit to doing a little bit of practicing.

"My dad actually nailed up a barrel on a two-by-four in our back yard. It was a great target for practicing, because it was stationary," said Davis.

While she took a brief break from Georgia Southern, Davis will be returning to the Boro for classes soon. "I'm looking forward to returning either this summer or in the fall," said Davis.

BLEICKEN

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There has been no official date set for the announcement of the decision for the

presidency at AASU, but the AASU Web site maintains it will stay up to date.

Dr. Bleicken declined to comment due to the professional nature of the matter, however she has every intention of speaking on the issue once the decision has been finalized.

PRESERVE

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Opening day will start with a VIP reception for all the major donors and contributors to the preserve at 1:30. The activities that are open to the public will start at 3 p.m. There will be a Behind the Scenes tour of the preserve at 3:15 and 5:45.

The Wetland Preserve Tour and Duck Feeding will start at 3:30 and 4:30 along with the Frog Lecture and Exhibit Tour starting at 4 p.m. and 5:30.

The last event will be the Outdoor Classroom Wildlife Program, which will start at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. according to Hein.

There will also be multiple activity stations

that will consist of wetland conservation experiments at the Outdoor Classroom, a scavenger hunt, tree cookie decorating, and the Botanical Garden handing out information and free tree seedlings.

According to Hein, the preserve will consist of a Cypress and Waterfowl Pond.

"Visitors over time will be able to parallel the birds that are placed in the preserve and the birds that come," said Hein. The preserve will also consist of an outdoor classroom and trails.

"I would like to send out a thanks to the campus, administration, and community for their constant support for the wildlife center," said Hein.

If you have any questions about the Grand Opening of the Wetland Preserve or the Wildlife Center, call the center at 912-478-0831.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Event: Disney Approach to Quality Service

Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Event: First Amendment Free Food Festival

Location: Williams Center Plaza

Time: 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Event: SCA Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2043

Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Event: Alcohol Education Course

Location: Biology Lecture Room 2215

Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Event: Alive and In-Color

Location: Russell Union Theatre

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Event: Order of Omega Induction

Location: Russell Union 2044

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Event: Wizard of Oz

Location: Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 24, 2009

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Event: Valuation of Urban Land

Location: Nessmith Lane 2903

Time: 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Event: Conversation Hour

Location: Russell Union Ballroom B

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Event: Leadershape Vision Meeting

Location: Russell Union 2047

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Event: Project Grad Atlanta

Location: Russell Union 2084

Time: 2 - 5 p.m.

Event: First Year Experience

Location: IT Auditorium 1004

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Music Department sponsors Spring Concert

By Tiffani Addison

Guest writer

The Spring Symphony Concert will be held Monday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Faculty member, Linda Cionitti will feature in the performance in Weber's Clarinet Concerto in E-flat major and our annual concerto competition winners.

"Most of the music that is played in a symphonic concert is music that has held audience's imagination for hundreds of years," said Performing Arts Center Director, Albert Pertalion.

This year the concert will feature tenor Stephen Faulk and flautist Sara Newman. There will be a presentation of Mother Goose Suite, Five Pieces for Children, by orchestration, and Impressionistic master Maurice Ravel and commemorate Haydn's bicentennial with one of his great London Symphonies, Symphony No. 95.

The program will consist of the "Mother Goose Suite," a "Poem for flute and orchestra," performed by Sara Newman, flute winner of the concerto competition, and "Lenski's Aria from Onegin," by Stephen Faulk, tenor winner

of concerto competition as well.

"As you listen to the music develop, watch the conductor as he brings each section of the orchestra into the fabric of the music," said Pertalion. "The conductor is the audience's connection with the orchestra."

Students, faculty, and local members of the Statesboro community can benefit greatly from this concert, which is open to the public.

"There is beauty, playing precision, and the scope of concept to hear and absorb. Also, if anyone even thinks of becoming cultured in this arid environment, then attending concerts should become a habit," said Pertalion.

Ticket information is available to students and anyone interested in the concert by visiting the GSU Web site.

Georgia Southern's Department of Music is hosting other events including a "Jazz Combo Concert," on April 24, at 7:30 p.m., "Southern Winds," on April 25 at 3 p.m., and a Faculty Recital by David Murray on April 25, at 7:30 p.m.

All these are located in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, and a "Graduation Recital by Daniel Hunter, on April 26 at 7:30 p.m., at the Averitt Center.



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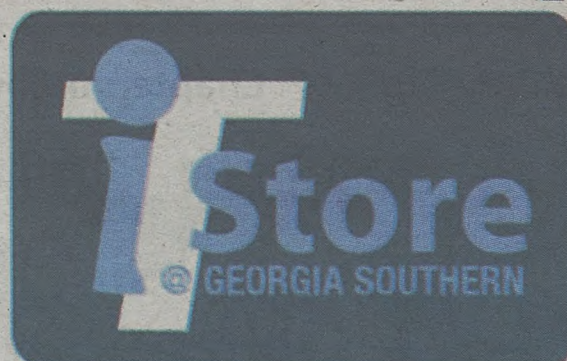


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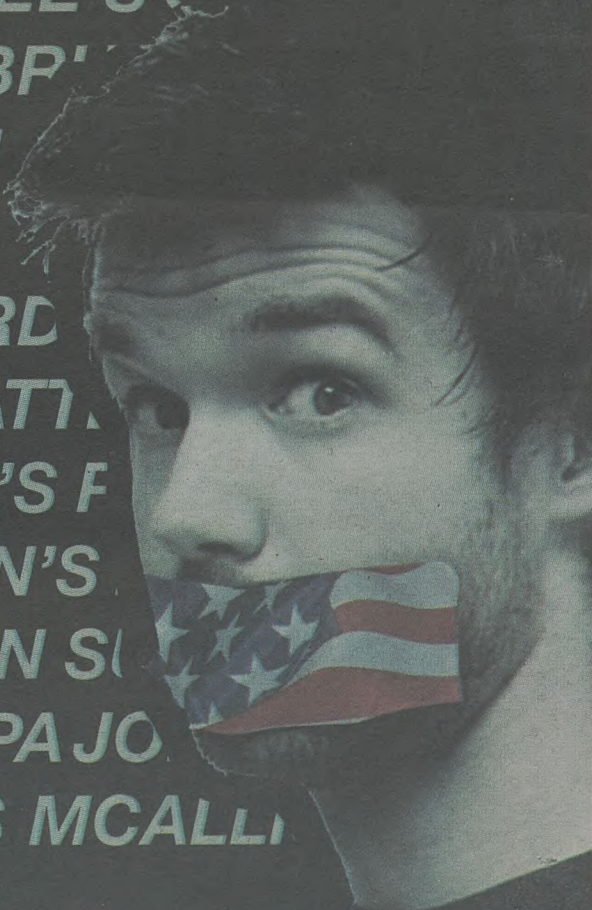


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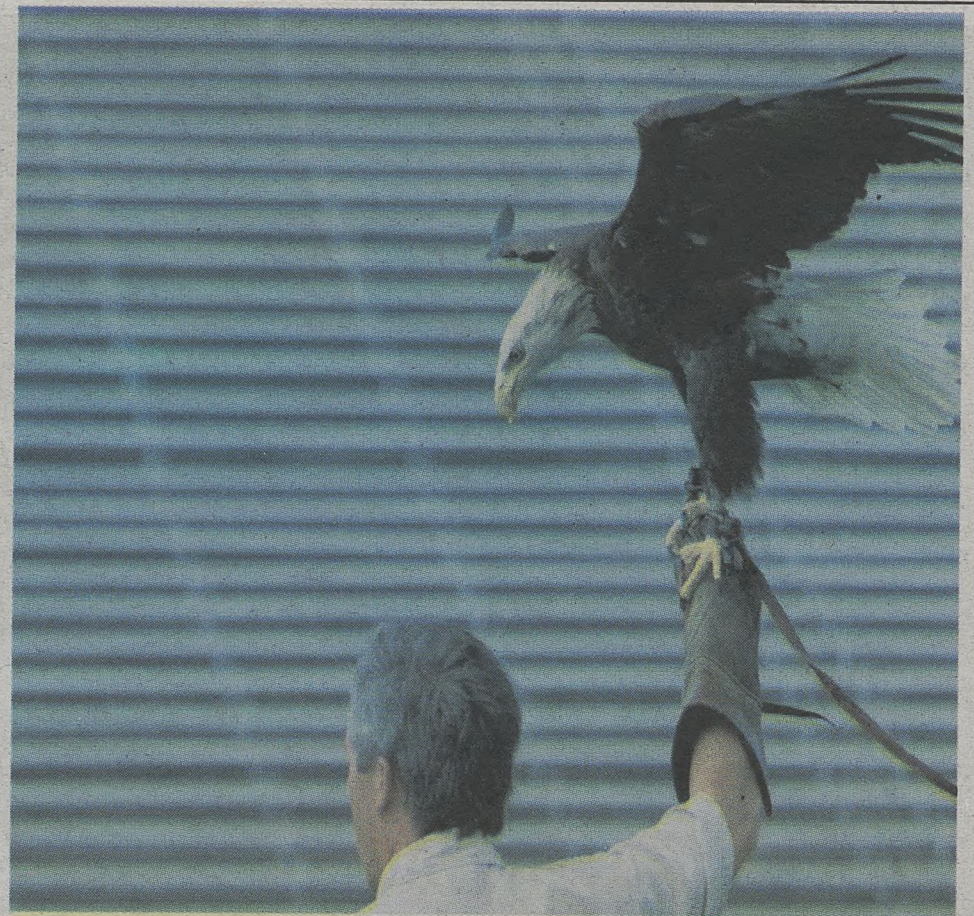
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Freedom lands on trainer, Steve Hein's arm after flight.

Student helps Freedom fly

By Ben Carroll

Staff writer

Freedom, the Georgia Southern's official live eagle mascot, will have another test flight at Paulson Stadium to be prepared for the commencement ceremony on May 9, tonight at 5:15 p.m.

Freedom has been with Georgia Southern for five years and has been flying at the beginning of every home game for two years from the top of the press box to the middle of the field.

Even though Freedom has flown at Paulson Stadium multiple times, according to his handler, Steve Hein, the Wildlife Center director, this is the first time Freedom will fly during the commencement ceremony.

The route during the ceremony is from the Bishop Field House, over the commencement stage and the graduates to the middle of the field.

The new route has caused Hein to have to re-train Freedom to fly the specific route. "The stage and people add obstacles that the bird has to get used to," said Hein, "We are training Freedom using Bridging, which means we are adding layers onto the flight."

They have built a fake stage, which is eight feet wide and 40 feet long, with a yellow 4x4 yellow cube that the bird will land on.

On Monday, Freedom had his first flight with people. "We had a successful flight Monday and we had about 100 people there," said Hein, "We are hoping to have a much larger crowd at the next one."

According to Hein, they have asked for another outside of GSU trained bird to fly over the previous ceremonies, but this year will be the first time the bird will be the "home-grown," according to Hein.

Since this is Freedom's first flight over the commencement ceremony, Hein has asked that students, faculty, staff and community members come to Paulson Stadium and help out with the training.

The people who show up will stand where the graduates will be so Freedom gets used flying over people. "We are trying to add more people to the equation," said Hein, since he is trying his best to recreate an entire graduating class.

"Nothing is certain with Freedom, and only hours of training can resolute in success," said Hein.

Portrait of an artist:

John Lefler

Hailing from Houston, TX, John Lefler has been a member of Dashboard Confessional since April, 2002. I recently got the opportunity to talk to him over the phone to discuss their upcoming show at Georgia Southern on May 1 at the RAC Bandshell.

What were you doing before you joined Dashboard Confessional?

I was a singer/songwriter out in L.A. and had only been there for about a year. I'd played in bands in Austin and Houston, but I definitely got a break. I was really the only one without a pedigree. I hope this works out, otherwise I've just been sitting in these past seven years.

Who influenced the band's sound?

All four of us in the band come from four different places, both physically and what we grew up listening to. That's one of the keys to our sound. I grew up listening to bands like The Police and XTC and [our bassist] grew up listening to Black Sabbath and stuff like that. But all four of us also have a lot of common ground and that's where we work.

When y'all go into the studio, what is the song-writing process like?

It really depends on the song. It's Chris' music, no one will dispute that. He'll bring the song in and we'll play it and see what happens. If Chris has an idea for how he wants us to go then we'll just do it that way.

There's a lot of improv, too. I think that helps the songs a lot, to have something unplanned on the record.

Which do you prefer, recording in the studio or playing live?

Well, there's more time for reflection in the studio. We were just in the studio about two or three days ago and I was recording with just the guitar and I had a moment where I just said to myself, 'wow, I can't believe I'm still doing this. I

remember being 13 years old when I first learned the 'E' chord on the guitar and now here I am in the studio all these years later and I'm kinda doing the same thing.' You just marvel at it.

Live is more in the moment and you reflect on it afterwards. The studio can be your friend or it can be a frustrating older brother if you let it. It can be intimidating. I enjoy both. I started to hear music more organized in the studio.

We like to make sure that some unplanned stuff going on when we play live, otherwise you could just stay at home and listen to the record, right?

Have you ever been to Georgia before?

Yes. We've played in Atlanta a number of times. I had my first show with Dashboard in Atlanta. I always have fun there. Being from Houston, Atlanta's not that different. Hot, humid and still Southern in nature.

Do y'all play college shows a lot?

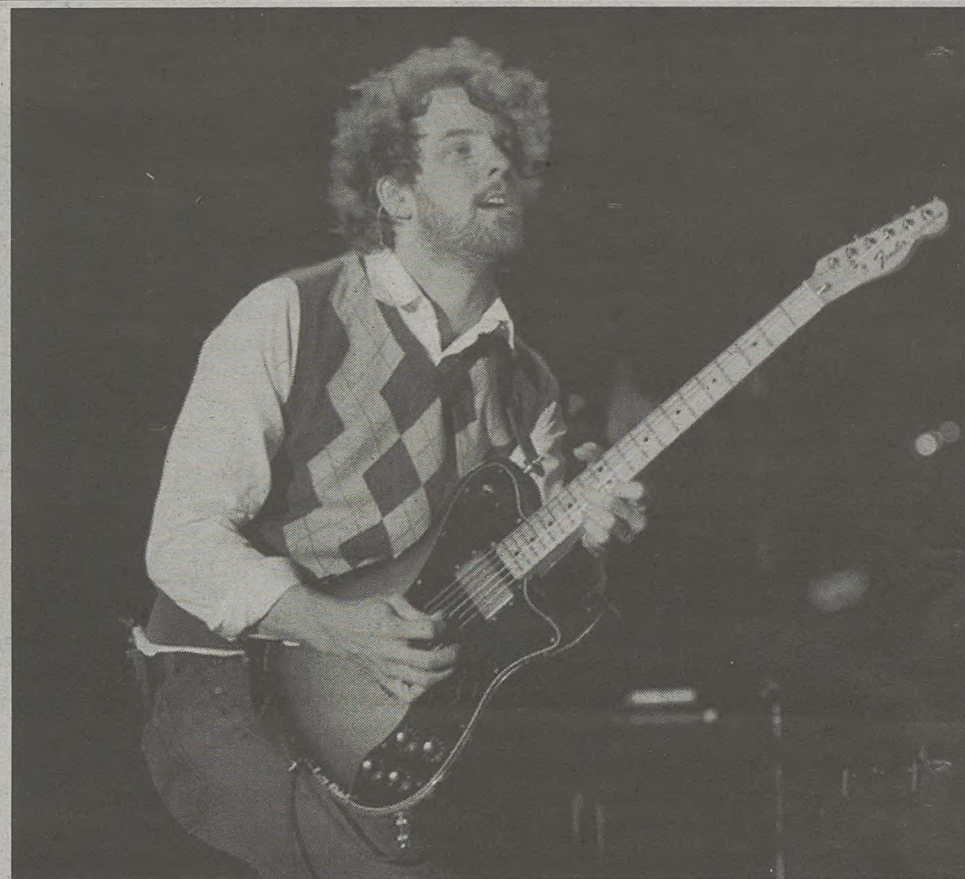
Yeah, usually around spring break and end of the year time or the 'back-to-school' part of the year. I personally enjoy them. Go to a town, get to see it for a night, play a show, then you either go to the next two or so more or you can go home.

What's different about a college show?

It's a lot looser, I would say. More stripped down, as far as production. You don't really bring the pyrotechnics to a basketball gym.

A lot of times, when you're playing larger venues, like in Atlanta, they're usually outside the city limits. So all you see is basically the venue and whatever's next door, a Target usually.

But when you play a college, you get to tour



Special photo

John Lefler has been the guitarist for Dashboard Confessional for seven years. The band will perform at the RAC bandshell on May 1.

around, see the campus, see what the nightlife's like a bit. You get a little more of a slice of what life is like in that area of the country.

We just played Duluth, Minnesota at a college there not a week or two ago. It's very rural. If you're on the Rock Band 2 Tour, you probably wouldn't roll through Duluth. College shows give you a chance to see places like that. It's kinda cool.

I find that more interesting, honestly. Once you've gone through a town a few times, you've seen everything. So, it's nice to see something off the beaten path that has a lot more character to it.

What separates Dashboard Confessional's stage show from everyone else?

Even at college shows, it's the audience that separates us. We'll still find our loyal audience that will be there in attendance and they kinda make the show for us.

We still maintain a large, loyal touring audience. I think we're lucky to have that. We tour a lot and we're a better live band because of it. There are always pockets of fans and, hopefully, soon-to-be-fans. We really like playing with one another, we're not just going through the motions. We're definitely up there having a good time, happy to be there, and I think people can see that the band is enjoying it, and they respond to that.

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The ever-weird Prince goes all-out and releases a double album

By Nick Anderson

UWire

Being an aging artist is hard. The Rolling Stones are a shell of their former selves; Bob Dylan is on the verge of being incomprehensible; Elton John is selling out tours because of songs that are 30 years old. It's incredibly rare for an artist to be relevant in more than one era. About the only exception is Johnny Cash. The important question for any artist attempting a similar comeback is, "How?"

The easy answer to this question is a "hip" cover and a couple of strong albums. Prince started down this road in '2006 with a festival stopping cover of "Creep" (If you haven't heard it, stop reading and find it on YouTube). Now all that is left is a couple of strong albums for a full Prince comeback.

Instead of being content funneling his last several years of effort into a single album, Prince has decided to go all out and release a double album along with an album from his latest protégé, Bria Valente.

Conveniently, his two albums, "Lotusflow3r" and "MPLSound," and Valente's "Elixer" all come packaged as a set, sold exclusively at Target for under \$12. It's hard to find cheaper music (legally).

Any Prince fan will know how to handle Valente's disk. Expect that same type of songs that we've heard from other earlier Prince protégés such as Sheila E., Apollonia and Carmen Electra. The music, being wholly written and produced by Prince, has its high points, but beyond that, it's entirely forgettable. After a single listen, there isn't a single song that would cause a listener to put this disk back into a CD player.

Moving on to the Prince songs, the disks fall into two separate genres; "Lotusflow3r" plays as a straight rock album while "MPLSound" jumps between funk and ballads. Both contain their fair share of highlights without one outshining the other.

"From the Lotus..." the opening track, welcomes the listener into what can only be described as a dark alley of the Internet where these songs must have been recorded. The track (it's hard to call it a song) draws the listener into the world of Prince with guitar solos, drum machines, and other worldly sounds.

The high points of the album come quickly. "Crimson and Clover," a pop standard, becomes incredible in Prince's skilled hands. Not only does he play it like he wrote it, he throws in a couple lines taken from Hendrix's "Foxy Lady." Why does he do this? Because he's Prince and it works. Of course, this also serves as a reminder that Prince has no intention of giving up his position as Hendrix's heir apparent. "G", "Wall of Berlin," and "Dreamer" showcase some of his best guitar work since the closing of the 80s.

Some of the best moments occur when Prince gives up his falsetto and electric guitar and stops sounding so much like Prince. "Colonized Mind," which could be found on Prince's Web site before the album, provides a great example of this.

Some of the worst moments come when Prince sounds too much like Prince. Instead of moving forward, Prince is treading water sonically. (In fact, his weakest moments of the last 15 years could be summed up as this.)

"MPLSound" reclaims the distinct funk and soul sound that Prince helped popularize years



Special Photo

Released together as a set (and sold exclusively at Target for \$12), "Lotusflow3r" and "MPLSound" cover all of Prince's familiar territory without sounding too repetitious.

ago. Clearly, he hasn't lost his touch writing songs. While his rock tracks were always more popular, his funk tracks are tighter, catchier, and better examples of pop music.

After three excellent tracks, Prince slows down for the soul ballad, "U're Gonna C Me," which proves to be the weakest song from both disks. It feels both out of place and forced. Prince finishes strong with

four excellent songs (one of which is an ode to Selma Hayek centering on her toddler) which more than make amends for a sagging middle.

As often happens when double albums are released, Prince has spread himself too thin. There are easily enough good songs to create a single great Prince album. Either way, a mediocre Prince album is better than 90 percent of the music out there.

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'The Reader' delivers a morally confusing tale set in Nazi Germany

By Ryan Babula

Staff writer

Luckily this past year, I had a chance to catch most of the Academy Award nominated films, such as "Milk" and "Slumdog Millionaire," but there was one that completely eluded me.

I was able to catch "The Reader" on DVD the other day, and while it's a good film, I feel that it shouldn't have been nominated for Best Picture.

Set in WWII era Germany, the film follows the illicit affair between 15-year-old Michael (David Kross) and 30-year-old Hannah (Kate Winslet) as they sneak around for a summer wallowing in passion and fiery love.

A few years after that summer, Michael is attending law school and while studying an active Nuremberg trial, he learns that Hannah was an SS guard responsible for killing hundreds of Jews on a death march. As the case gets worse for Hannah, Michael struggles with a secret he discovers that could save her life.

I know what you're thinking, and yes, the film is controversial. If its Holocaust based content wasn't enough (which seems like a hot topic at the moment), the explicit nature of the affair is shocking as well.

Watching those love scenes made me cringe, but it made me appreciate both actor's bravery for acting them so bluntly.

The real treat here, though, is Winslet's performance. At first, her character is none too likable, seeing as how her actions are disturbing and hard to swallow by our standards. But as the film goes on, you go to sympathize with this broken woman who took a job with the Nazi's to hide an embarrassing secret. You never condone her actions, for when you hear them, they will make you hurt, but somehow you feel for her.

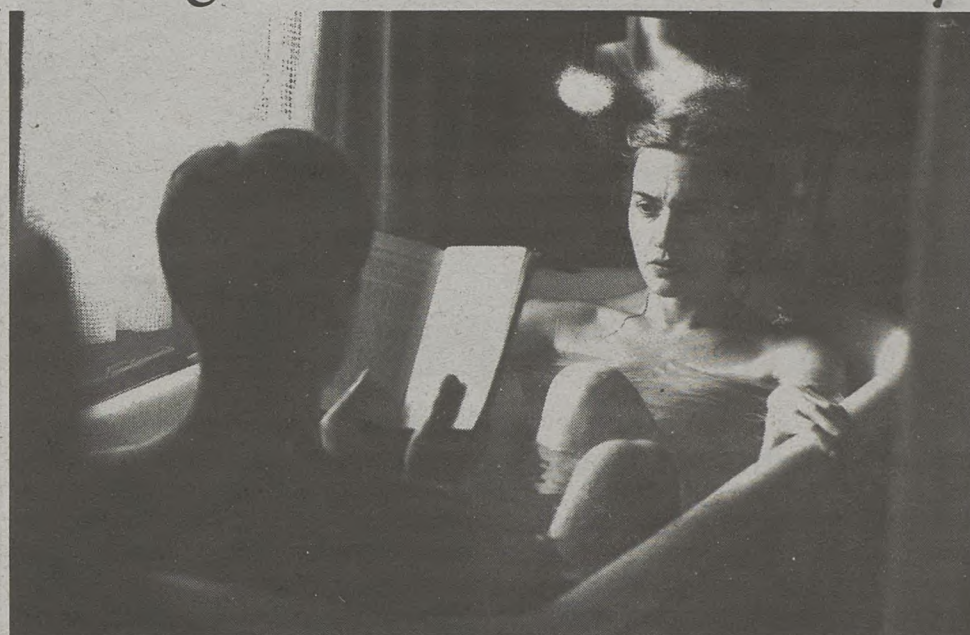
The first third of the film chronicles that fateful summer, and as I said, its pretty off-putting to say the least. Michael begins every session with Hannah by reading to her, and that plot device is essential to the heart of the film.

They begin to find genuine love for each other, but realize that it can never work. The middle portion that follows Michael to law school is easily the strongest area of the film.

It raises some questions regarding the judgment of the SS soldiers, and it's where both Hannah and Michael undergo the most suffering.

It's compelling stuff, especially the scenes where Michael views the concentration camps. The Holocaust is a horrifying period of history, and the pure visceral impact of this section is sure to put any viewer on edge. It's great filmmaking, to say the least.

Unfortunately, the film slows and eventually halts in the last third, where the adult Michael confronts his demons. Ralph Fiennes does a great job with this, but the material feels as if it should



Special photo

Set in WWII-era Germany, "The Reader" follows the relationship between 15-year-old Michael and 30-year-old Hannah, ending with Hannah on trial for Nazi war crimes.

have ended 20 minutes early.

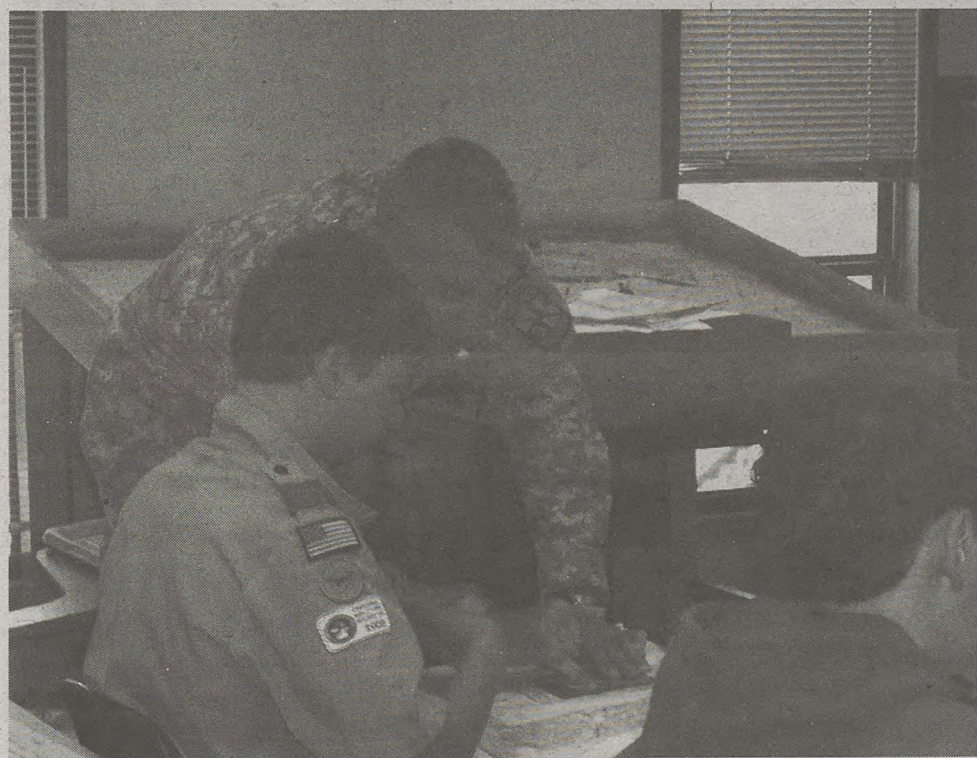
Ultimately, the film's true strengths lie in the middle of the film and in Winslet's brave performance. She truly deserved the Oscar this year, and she carries the film effortlessly.

But with a disturbing first act and a sluggishly overdrawn final act, "The Reader" comes out to be a mediocre film. And, even though I promised I

wouldn't say it, I guess I have to: "The Dark Knight" deserved this nomination.

No, that's not a fanboy's opinion, but it's sheer fact. It was a much better film, and it's proof that the Academy wouldn't consider a "comic book film," no matter the moral questions it raised and the excitement it packed.

Ah, oh well. Sorry for the digression.



Special photo

Cadet Clint Bush helps a boy scout with orienteering, an activity involving the use of a map and compass to navigate from point to point in diverse and usually unfamiliar terrain.

ROTC spends weekend volunteering

By Vanessa Stephens

Guest writer

This weekend our ROTC cadets took part in a different kind of training. First on Friday night until Saturday morning, the cadets participated in the Relay for Life.

Then for the rest of Saturday, instead of listening to sergeants and officers, they worked with tenderfoots and scoutmasters. They helped several Boy Scout troops earn merit badges.

The ROTC program made sure to have a team of cadets at the Kiwanis fairgrounds for the Relay for every hour of it, start to finish. Not only were they there, but at least one cadet was walking for the duration.

Lack of sleep and the chilly night air were nothing the cadets weren't used to. Cadet George Runkle thought it was "a great opportunity for all of our cadets to get to know each other away from school" all while supporting a great effort to fight cancer.

While the Relay group rested, another group of cadets volunteered to help nearly 50 local boy

scouts. Among the badges the scouts worked on were First Aid, Pioneering, Safety, Climbing, Shooting, Wilderness Survival, Orienteering, Personal Fitness, and Aviation.

On campus facilities made the Shooting and Climbing badges possible. In order to obtain the Aviation badge, scouts went off campus COL Handley to use his personal aircraft.

The boy scouts had the opportunity to earn two merit badges in the day. Cadets had the opportunity to lead, a specialty of the ROTC program. Both groups of uniformed individuals helped each other learn.

Cadet Matt Silva felt "the Boy Scouts learned a great deal this weekend. They were able to put the skills their troop taught them to the test with practical exercises."

Helping with these different organizations not only helps the cadets give back to the community but helps them reinforce what the Army has already instilled: a sense of unity, duty, and of course the essential idea that makes up the spirit of the U.S. Army, volunteering.

NATIONAL NEWS



Special Photo

Students at University of Nebraska have lost millions of dollars through class-dropping.

Nebraska students lose millions by dropping classes

By Jenna Gibson

UWire

At the very least, students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln threw away \$1,084,162.13 last semester by dropping classes.

In the fall, UNL students received 4,163 "W"s on their transcripts.

This means the students dropped their courses after September 6 and could only get 50 percent of their tuition money back. If the student waited even longer to drop the course, he or she may not have gotten any money back.

So students could have spent up to \$2,168,324.25 last fall on classes they didn't finish.

And that's just for in-state students.

This extra tuition money just goes into the general tuition fund and isn't dealt with any differently, said Earl Hawkey, director of Registration and Records at UNL.

"Hopefully students weren't dropping classes for trivial reasons," Hawkey said. "If the reason you're dropping the class is because you're really getting a bad grade, of course you want to drop it."

Not everyone has the same experience – even in the same class, he said. If students aren't fully

prepared for a class or end up having problems outside of class or in other classes, that may prompt them to drop a class.

Hawkey also pointed out that UNL has a fairly lenient policy regarding withdrawals.

Some universities, including the University of Washington, have a limit on how many classes a student can drop, he said.

Erika Quechenberger, a freshman advertising major, has never dropped a class. Some of her friends have dropped, though, she said.

While she would consider dropping a class in a dire situation, Quechenberger said she wouldn't like having to do so.

"I think dropping a class is such a huge waste of money," she said. "I don't think I'd want to do that."

Caroline Haug realizes it was a waste to drop her chemistry class but said her GPA is more important.

Haug, a sophomore animal science major, is planning to go to graduate school and become a veterinarian, so maintaining a pristine transcript is essential, she said.

"Going into it (chemistry), the class was a lot tougher than I expected," she said. "I was frustrated, yes ... but in the end getting the money back was secondary to saving my GPA."

Smokin' the reefer at Colorado State U.

By Chloe Witty

Uwire

At the same time Monday that 10,000 people lit joints in the center of campus at University of Colorado-Boulder, two Colorado State University police officers saw eight people sitting in a circle on the CSU Oval smoking pot and approached them.

A sparse crowd watched as the officers referred the four students in the group to the student conduct office, which will decide how to deal with the students' offense.

The other four smokers, who were not students, were let go with a warning.

Junior construction management major Joe Houtz was relaxing on the grass in the Oval when the students were busted.

"They were having a little powwow circle, smoking, talking and having a good time," he said.

Meanwhile UC-Boulder police were standing by as the massive crowd there celebrated the day, which serves as a national event to promote legalization of marijuana.

A Boulder police official said they were only there to handle major problems with the holiday.

"No structures, no cars, nothing weird," said a UC-Boulder Police Department officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department restrictions for talking to the media.

CSU police said they are obligated to at least report any illegal activity.

"Any type of offense that occurs on campus we have to refer to student conduct," Interim Police Chief Frank Johnson said.

While some were getting in trouble for their practices in Fort Collins on 4/20, others were celebrating at events and taking advantage of the generous deals offered by head shops and food joints around town.

Cheba Hut took part in the celebrations by blocking off their section of Laurel Street and hosting local bands as well as entertaining stunt shows.

Hundreds of students and community members were lined up outside of Cheba Hut all day to take advantage of the special sandwich deals and enjoy the music.



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Students at Colorado State gathered in the union on 4/20 resulting in four students getting warnings.

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NATIONAL NEWS

'Green' bill proposals swamp Oklahoma Legislature

By Will Holland

UWire

This week is Green Week, but for the Oklahoma State Legislature, the entire legislative session has been marked by "green" bill proposals.

State lawmakers have proposed several bills dealing with green issues and incentivizing alternative energy use, including some from House Speaker Chris Benge, R-Tulsa, that encourage use of wind and geothermal energy, compressed natural gas and electric vehicles in Oklahoma.

University of Oklahoma political science professor Keith Gaddie said the influx of green bill proposals may be attributed to the fact that environmentalism is becoming more popular nationally.

In Oklahoma's last election, Republicans also won. This session is the first time in state history that Republicans control both legislative houses.

Gaddie said the conventional wisdom is Democrats have issue ownership over environmentalism, but that isn't necessarily the case.

The Republican agenda set forth before the session began emphasized making the state more

energy independent, and Benge's own proposals have taken steps to promote alternative energy sources, like wind energy.

State Rep. Scott Martin, R-Norman, said state Republicans understand the importance of being good stewards to the environment.

"I think that there's been a misconception that Republicans are anti-environment," Martin said.

Gaddie said good stewardship of the environment has been part of traditional conservatism for a long time.

He said a lot of early conservation laws came out of Republican Congresses, and Republican President Teddy Roosevelt was a proponent of conservation. He said there also is room for environmentalism within the ideals of evangelical Republicans.

"It's consistent with faith to be a good steward to the environment," he said.

Green measures can be economically beneficial, making them more attractive to lawmakers from both parties, said Jim DiPeso, vice president for policy and communications for the non-profit group Republicans for Environmental Protection.

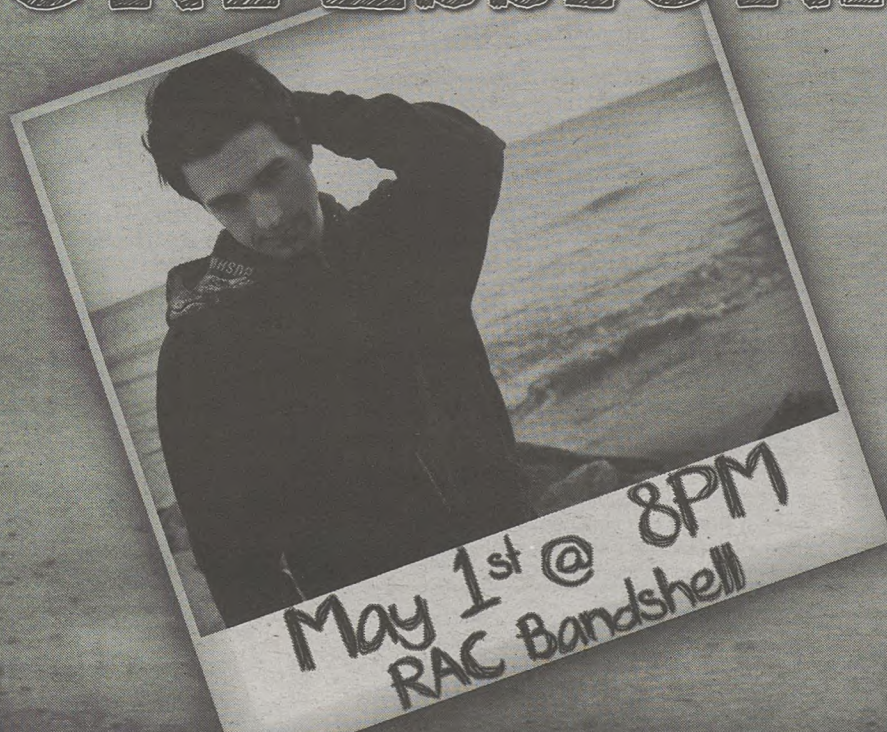


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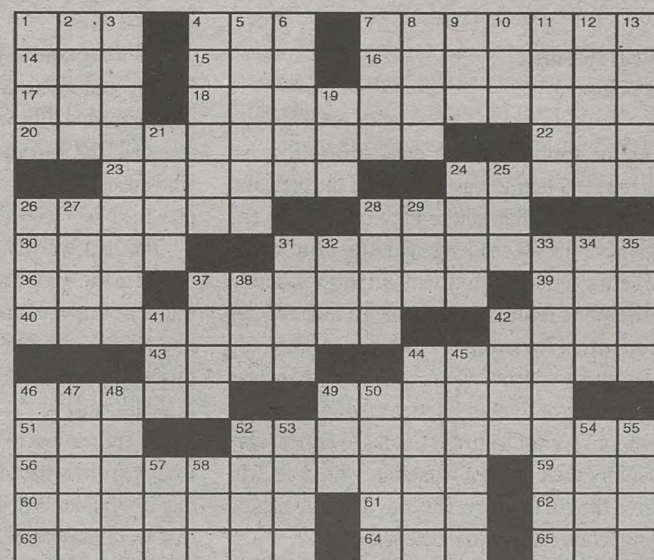
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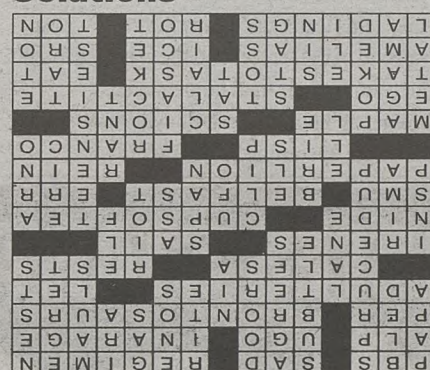


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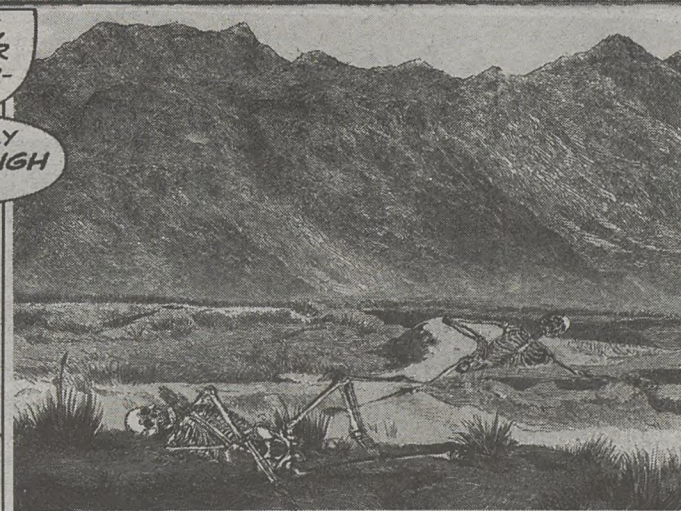
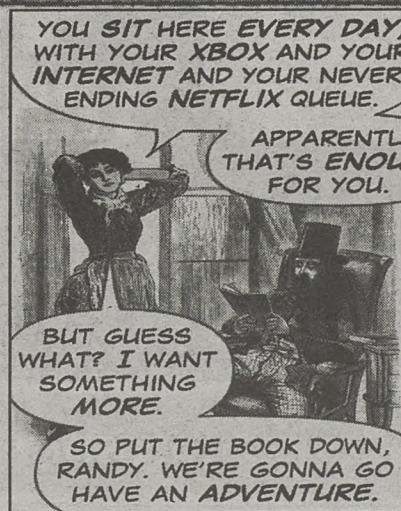


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Eagles tennis teams prepare for SoCon championships



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Senior Phillip Prins goes for a backhand return in a recent match against FAMU.

By Molly McNally

Staff writer

As the spring semester comes to a close, so does the 2009 tennis season for both the men and women's teams. But before they call it quits the teams have one last challenge as they gear up for the Southern Conference tournament this weekend.

The Men's Tennis team completed their regular season with a 7-0 sweep at Presbyterian. The Lady Eagles also were victorious in their last regular season match of 2009 as they defeated Samford 4-3 on Senior Day last Saturday thanks to critical play by seniors such as Shea Huxtable, whose set win secured the girl's victory. This was the Lady Eagles' seventh conference win of the season.

"It was a great way to end the regular season. We successfully completed our goal of turning around our 4-3 losses last year. We turned them into wins this year and ended up with the best season record in years," said Head Coach Amy Bonner. "I'm especially proud of the seniors and the way they fought for the team in their final home match."

Bonner is hoping the girls will have similar results in the upcoming tournament.

The tournament bracket was announced last Sunday and declared that the GSU Men's team who is seeded fifth will match up against the No. 4 seeded UNC Greensboro. As for the Lady Eagles, who are seeded fourth, they are scheduled to first play the No. 5 seeded Davidson.

The girls, who have already defeated Davidson earlier in the season in a 5-2 win, are looking to do the same this weekend whereas the boys, who lost in a close 4-3 match to UNC Greensboro earlier this month, are hoping they can turn this rematch in their favor.

After their loss to the Spartans, the Men's Head Coach Justin Miles said, "We had a bad start to the day in doubles. We got down some early breaks that were important and didn't come back. That in result carried over to a difficult start in singles action for us."

Both teams are ultimately looking to defeat the defending Southern Conference champions, the Furman Paladins who are seeded number one in both the men and women's brackets.

The teams will travel to Elon, NC to compete in the tournament and both teams are scheduled to begin play on Friday.



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GOLF

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"I'm proud of the boys. Anytime you shoot 10-under on a good golf course, it's a good outing," said Coach Mays. "We got beat by a good team that played well. Obviously, it has a little sting to it. We came up here to win a championship and came up a couple shots short. We will use this to motivate us the next couple of weeks to get ready for Regionals. Hopefully we will go to Regionals and put up a good showing - our ultimate goal is to play in the national championship this year."

In the final round of competition, Blondell, LeFevre and Spencer Fulford each posted sub-par rounds. After finishing round one in 10th place, Blondell (Lakeland, Fla.) jumped to fourth in the final two rounds. The Eagle fired three sub-par rounds to post a 4-under 212 tournament finish.

Jumping one spot to finish tied for 13th, junior Fulford shaved off five strokes from his

second round 76 for a final round 1-under 71. Fulford eagled the second hole to jump start the day. The Eagle concluded the day with four birdies, three bogeys and one double-bogey for a three-day total of 217 (+1), making Fulford the third Eagle to finish in the top 15.

Tying with teammate Fulford for 13th was senior LeFevre, a Boca Raton, Fla. native. LeFevre carded his lowest round of the tournament on Tuesday, posting a 4-under par 70. The Eagle fired off three birdies to eliminate an opening bogey on one.

Rounding out the lineup for Georgia Southern was sophomore Joe Monte, who recorded an identical final round to his second with a 77. Combined with his opening round 71,

Monte finished the tournament at 225 in a tie for 26th.

"I'm real proud of Drew for getting his first individual win. We've been waiting for him to break out and win one," said Mays. "All the boys played solid in the tournament. It was a lot of fun, probably one of the more fun days I've had in a long time."



Drew Lethem

BASEBALL WEEKEND LINEUP

The Georgia Southern Eagles begin a three game series against The Citadel Bulldogs



Friday 4/24

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Saturday 4/25

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Jake Brown
(3-3) 4.70 ERA



Sunday 4/26

Projected Starer:
Matt Murray
(3-2) 4.57 ERA

Softball to face Chattanooga in weekend series

By GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern softball team (22-19, 11-7) heads to Chattanooga Saturday to take on the Mocs (23-19, 12-2) in a critical Southern Conference series. The

Eagles need four wins in the final two SoCon Series to secure a second place finish.

GSU comes into the weekend winners of three straight conference series and will look to be the first SoCon team to knock off

Chattanooga this year.

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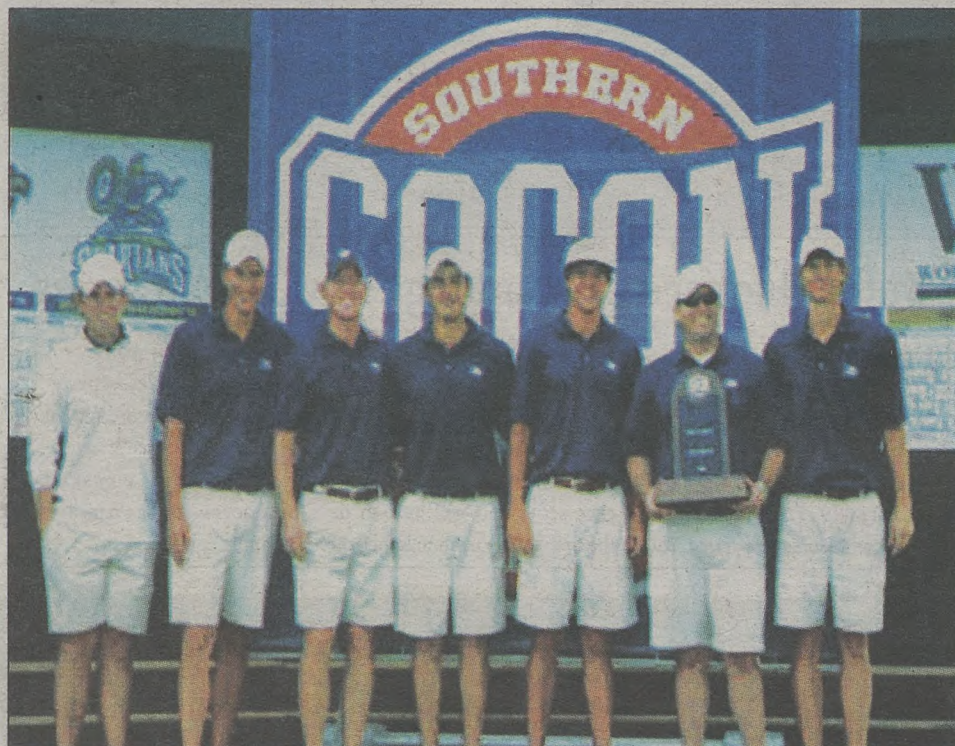
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COMPLETE COVERAGE

GSU tennis teams travel to Elon for the SoCon Championships, see pg. 22. Also, check out GADaily.com for complete coverage of the weekend's events.

Lethem wins individual SoCon Golf title



GSU News Service

The GSU golf team placed second in the SoCon Championships. Drew Lethem (farthest left in blue) won the individual title and Larry Mays (holding trophy) won 'Coach of the Year'.

By GSU News Service

Head coach Larry Mays earned his third 'SoCon Coach of the Year' award as he led the Georgia Southern men's golf team to a second place finish at the Southern Conference Championship Tuesday (April 21) with a 10-under 854 tournament total. Georgia Southern had four players finish in the top 15 individually, including the top place finish. Sophomore Logan Blondell succeeded his 'Freshman of the Year' award in 2007-08 with 'Player of the Year' for the 2008-09 season.

"He's done an incredible job with us this year," said senior Drew Lethem on Mays' third Coach of the Year accolade. "We're very proud of him and we're lucky to have him as our coach."

Georgia Southern took a two stroke lead heading into the final three holes but Chattanooga regained the lead off in the last holes to secure a two-stroke championship victory at the par 72, 7,062-yard Country Club of South Carolina.

Senior Drew Lethem captured the individual honors firing a 6-under par 210 for the tournament, marking a low 54 holes in his collegiate

career. The Camdenton, Missouri native followed a tournament-low opening round 66 with consecutive even par 72s in the final two rounds to claim his first career collegiate title. With the individual win, Lethem earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Regional.

"Overall we played well," said Lethem. "We have nothing to hang our heads about. We didn't hand it to them. For me, I had a good first round – got on a hot streak – and rode that. I played solid for the tournament."

Georgia Southern entered the final round four strokes out of first place and would rally to take the lead from Chattanooga.

Four of five Eagles turned the front nine at 1-under, putting the Eagles five back of the Mocs starting the back nine who turned at 5-under. The Eagles took a one shot lead when Ryan LeFevre birdied hole 18.

The 18th hole became a deciding factor as the final three Mocs all posted par 4s to the final three Eagles' three bogeys. Chattanooga shot even par on the final three holes to Georgia Southern's 2-over to secure its third consecutive SoCon team title.

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Track and Field to compete in, host Outdoor SoCon Championships

By Latrice Williams

The Georgia Southern's Women Track team is set to compete at the SoCon Outdoor Championships, April 25-26, at Eagle Field.

This is the second time this year GSU will be hosting an event and are well prepared to entertain at home.

They are aware of their competitors, have been training extremely hard, and are confident and excited about competing in front of their home crowd.

"The team has peaked our last two meets, setting school records and personal best all around. I know we will see even better performances since we are running on our turf this weekend. We are ready," said sophomore Kassi Lee.

Thus far, GSU has competed in nine meets this season, and has three more to go.

"I believe that all of us on the team are going to do really well. It's nice to see the seniors leave competing their last conference meet at home. Once the throwers and jumpers do well in the morning ... the whole entire team will follow and do their best throughout the rest of the weekend," said senior Courtney Ware.

"Our competition helps us to become stronger each week and more determined to win on April 25 and 26," said Shauntel Jennings.

Look for Lynndsey Hyter and Laura Fuller to dominate the competition as they are a serious threat to any challenger.

Since the GSU Invitational, the Eagles set a new school record with a 13th place finish in the 1600 sprint medley with a time of 4:02.47 at the Florida Relays.

The Eagles also had their best relay with a seventh place finish in the 4x800 relay with a

time of 9:08.54.

"I am really excited for the meet this weekend, but nervous as well. I really want our team to win and to compete extremely well. Our team really stepped up last weekend at Auburn and I think that was a showing of what we are about to do. For myself, my ultimate goal would be to win three events, the javelin, high jump, and the heptathlon," said Melanie Trumbo.

"There are a lot of very good athletes coming to Statesboro though and the winner could be anyone. I will put my very best forth in every event and what happens, happens. In the pre-conference meet rankings we are ranked 4th, which we feel is way off because we are ready to win," Trumbo said.

GSU fans should expect the Eagles to continue to break and set records as they march on to the NCAA East Regionals at the end of May.



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Freshman Azura Robillard practices her throw